

NEWS OF MENLO PARK

The recent visit of Colonel House, who was the mysterious man of the Wilson administration, to the White House, recently recalls the fact that the Colonel is a classmate and intimate friend of Pire Commissioner A. G. Hahn. Both attended Cornell and both belonged to the same fraternities and were chums at college. Contrary to the general belief that the Colonel is a silent, cold and unsympathetic man, Mr. House is a genial, wholehearted, sympathetic citizen with a splendid sense of humor and generous to a fault. He has vast wealth which he spends in helping others. The Colonel is a much misunderstood man. He possesses wonderful ability and is a diligent student of current political affairs. Whenever Mr. Hahn goes east he calls upon his school boy friend.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Loderer and their two sons, Fred and John, have taken apartments at Laurel Court. Mr. Loderer is a wealthy business man of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin returned during the week from a quail hunt in the wilds of Tehama County. Mrs. Martin is a modern Diana and is an expert with the gun as is her husband. They both secured the limit. The birds are plentiful in that locality, quite tame and easily hunted. Mrs. Martin was raised in that community.

John Carroll, well known here, passed away in San Francisco last Monday, following a lingering illness. Many years ago he married the charming Miss Nellie Maloney of Menlo Park, who died seven years ago. Mr. Carroll was engaged in the undertaking business at the time of his demise. Surviving him are his three pretty daughters, Florence Catherine and Virginia Carroll. The deceased was a brother of James Carroll, cashier of the tax collector's office in San Francisco. Both brothers married sisters, Margaret and Nellie Maloney, daughters of a pioneer Menlo Park family.

John MacBain is sacrificing Oak Grove avenue from the highway to Amelia avenue, preparatory to macadamizing and paving it. It is to be the finest street in the county when finished. Frank Johnson, the road superintendent, is overseeing the work. Supervisor MacBain is doing much needed work in this locality, which the low ebb of his funds prevented from doing before. He is to be highly commended by the citizens of Menlo Park for his efforts on their behalf.

Mrs. John Buena is suffering from an attack of pneumonia at her home here. She is quite ill and owing to her advanced age fears are felt for her recovery. For over a half century Mrs. Buena has lived in this community. Her husband was born in an old adobe house on the San Francisco creek, not far from the J. Henry Meyer estate.

The election for the incorporation of Menlo Park will be called for the latter part of the month when the people will decide by their votes whether or not they desire to become a municipality of the sixth class and we believe they so desire. Nominations for candidates for the various offices of the proposed municipality will be made at a mass meeting to be held next week. All the citizens will be notified of this meeting later. Nominations may be made by petition containing the names of five voters of the town and this petition is filed by the county clerk at Redwood City and they must be filed not later than January 11. A complete set of officers will be chosen at the proposed meeting, but this does not prevent anyone else from running, provided they file the proper petition. There appears to be a decided opinion in favor of incorporation of late so that the proponents of the measure feel certain that it will be carried overwhelmingly. Many outside of the boundary lines previously fixed are now anxious to come into the incorporation.

H. J. Scherer, one of the founders of the West Coast Nursery Company, sold his interest in the concern this week to his partners who are to develop the vast plant and make additions to the ground space. The company is now rated as the largest nursery in the state, doing business in all parts of the west. The company employs a large number of men. The shipping department is always busy sending out trees and plants in car load lots.

The children of St. Joseph's Parochial school enjoyed a Christmas tree at the auditorium of the school last Saturday. An interesting program was rendered by the pupils that reflected the training given them by their respective parents, with all the standard of professionals, demonstrating the care in which they were prepared by the self-sacrificing nuns who devote their lives to the training of children that they may become good citizens, useful and moral leaders in the world and a credit to the community in which they may reside. Father Kennedy delivered a well-timed address, complimenting the pupils upon their splendid performance and reminding them of the sacrifice their good teachers were making for them. Each pupil was given a gift from a big tree that stood in the center of the hall. Refreshments were then served and enjoyed by the boys and girls.

The Native Daughters will hold a card party in Duff and Doyle hall Thursday afternoon, January 7th. Good prizes. Every one is invited to attend.

Jewish Wedding Custom

The breaking of glass is one of the characteristic features of a Jewish wedding.

FAMOUS FELTON MANSION FALLS BEFORE WRECKERS

The onward march of progress is casting aside the old landmarks that have weathered many winters only to be passing rapidly. The latest to go is the old Charles N. Felton home which is now being dismantled and the lumber of the ancient structure sold. The dwelling was erected in 1870 by the late Senator Felton when he was a U. S. Senator at San Francisco and at a time when he began to ascend the financial ladder. Felton was a pal of William Ralston in those days and the latter gave Felton tips on the stock market that brought big returns. Felton had special ambitions and desired to have a home second to none and so spared no expenses in the construction of the new building. Every material of the very best was put into it so that when finished it was one of the big imposing dwellings of the peninsula. The beautiful grounds were in keeping with the dwelling. Felton was proud of his home, he loved it, and in days gone had as his guests the crown heads of Europe and men of national fame. He was a splendid entertainer and loved to demonstrate his ability as such before his guests. He was lavish in his expenditures on those occasions, sparing nothing to properly entertain his guests. His charming wife was a great assistance to him, but she passed away in 1875. He never remarried. After the period of mourning passed Felton launched his high social career and remained King Edward of England, then the Prince of Wales. This was a big occasion at the Felton home. A special train conveyed the distinguished guest and his entourage to Menlo Park.

The memorable occasion when President Harrison visited Menlo Park during the first portion of his term, he was a guest at the Felton home. The school children on that occasion met the president as he alighted from a special train, and sang their sweetest songs in praise of the event but strange as it may seem the president scarcely noticed the patriotic efforts of the children, going direct to an awaiting carriage and drove away. For years afterwards this slight was commented upon by the people of Menlo Park. It was explained subsequently that the president was in the hands of his devoted and did not anticipate the program to be rendered. The president was also a guest at the home of Senator Stanford.

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Felton in his day was a power in politics of the state. In 1878 he became a candidate for assemblyman of this county and was elected by a big vote, after a bitter contest. The night after election he invited the voters to his home. They came in great numbers. The Redwood City brass band was present and discoursed martial music. Felton stood on the steps of his home, making a delightful speech of thanks. The "boys" were then invited inside where refreshments were served and where speeches were indulged in. Felton often said afterwards that that was the happiest night of his life. The Flood building was then in course of construction. Hundreds of workmen were in town at the time and all attended the affair, celebrating the election of Felton in a royal manner.

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The old home, with all its hallowed memories, like its builder, will soon be no more. The spot where it stood will arise modern residence to be occupied by some commuter from the metropolis.

MAIN STREET BUSINESS IS SOLD THIS WEEK

Louis Lodi, who for several years has been working in Brown's Tire Shop, this week completed arrangements whereby he and Percy McKee will take over the business from Robert Brown, the owner. Brown has been in business here for many years and his friends regret to see him go. The sale of his business was made by the Golden State a few days ago. The new managers are expert repairmen and will continue to serve the customers in the same efficient manner which has built up a large business for the retiring owner.

OUR READERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

I see by the paper that a young lady from Rochester, Minnesota, came to this Golden State a few years ago with her people. The days of old, the days of gold, she met a 49-er. They were married 49 years ago, had two wonderful sons and a beautiful daughter. I'll tell the world and they were a very devoted couple. She is also the great fear of her generations of daughters—what do you know about that. Oh she must be wonderful. M. P. C.

A PAGE FROM THE DIARY OF YULE TIME PEYPS

Did watch the embers of the Yule log until the clock marked the midnight hour, and did recall me from pleasant reveries when my capricious appetite did assert itself. The larder where I did partake of a goodly portion of a sweet pudding and guzzle a goblet of sweet elder; to bed where I did lose fitfully and suffer the tortures reserved for the ungodly; aroused by a mighty moan thrice repeated as a signal for me to bathe the scorching my forehead had but reached the portals of my abode when I was assailed by a petulant and angry spirit who did assail me with her shrewish tongue and averred that my large and harmless pouch hath maxymed and grievously wounded him and earnestly begged that I should relieve him of this thorn in his side. I was so much disturbed by this thorn in his side that I did not anticipate the program to be rendered. The president was also a guest at the home of Senator Stanford.

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WORD RECEIVED FROM FORMER LOCAL PASTOR

Christmas cards were received from Mrs. and Rev. C. L. Peck, formerly pastor of the Methodist church here. Rev. Peck is now in Florida, to which state he went upon leaving Redwood City about two years ago. He reports conditions very encouraging in the southern state. Many friends of Rev. Peck in Redwood City will be much pleased to learn that his health has been much better since going to Florida.

TO ISSUE STOCK OF BANKITALY

A letter announcing the action of the board of directors of the Bankitaly Corporation in issuing 100,000 shares of that corporation was sent out this week. The letters follow: The Board of Directors of Bankitaly Corporation, at a special meeting held December 28, after a full report and discussion thereon, unanimously resolved to issue one hundred thousand (100,000) shares of the authorized capital stock of said Corporation in the following manner:

Thirty-eight thousand nine hundred and sixteen (38,916) shares thereof to A. P. Giannini, the undersigned president of the corporation, at the price of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per share, in order to enable him to restore borrowed stock to stockholders and to make such other adjustments as may be necessary in the matter of the recent more or less successful efforts which he, on his own initiative and responsibility, put forth for the best interests of the Corporation and its stockholders, put forth to hold the market value of the stock within reasonable bounds; and

The remaining sixty-one thousand and sixteen (61,084) shares of said issue to be held by the corporation as treasury stock to be sold out of hand as the occasion may arise to persons in territory served by banks now or hereafter controlled by it, or to interest such other persons as in the judgment of the president of said corporation may be deemed advisable, at not less than three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) per share.

In order to carry through this plan it is essential that all present stockholders waive their rights to said issue of one hundred thousand (100,000) shares, which we are confident will be gladly done out of regard for the best interests of all concerned. Unless we are notified to the contrary, therefore, before January 15th, 1926, we shall assume that you acquiesce in the said action of the Board of Directors and that you have waived your rights in respect to said issue, and said stock will be issued accordingly.

Florida's Telephones Show Heavy Increase

The growth of the telephone industry in the state of Florida during the past year has been little short of phenomenal; in fact, the past ten years has shown a steady gain in both the number of new instruments installed and in the use made of the equipment.

In the city of Tampa the number of telephone calls on July 1, 1925, was 129,401 greater than in 1916, while the number of purely local calls for the first six months of 1925 was more than three times greater than for the entire year of 1916. Corresponding gains are recorded in Miami, Jacksonville, St. Petersburg, Palm Beach and other Florida cities and towns. Jacksonville's calls per day during 1925 average approximately 40,000 more than in 1924. West Palm Beach shows an increase of over 50 per cent and Miami records about 218,220 calls a day in 1925 as compared with 69,900 in 1924.

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The Misses Hazel and Mildred Lamb, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lamb of this city, who are visiting with their parents after a very successful season on the stage, will sing at the Congregational church tomorrow night. The young ladies are quite talented musicians and their selections are always pleasing. On Wednesday evening they sang at the Family Night meeting of the church.

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Woodside Notes

All of oddside sorrows over the news of the death of John A. Hooper. He was one of our oldest residents and one of the best loved. He came to Woodside when this was only a lumber camp. He was interested in the first saw mills put in operation here and realizing the attractions of the place for residence purposes he picked out a hundred and thirty acres for a home site and through all the intervening years that has continued to be his country home. Eight years ago he wrote, in the form of a series of anecdotes, a short history of the early days of Woodside. This was privately printed and distributed by him to his friends. It was under him that Peter B. Kynne was first introduced to the lumber and shipping business and he is the original of Kynne's "Cappy Ricks". His age of 87 years was greatly deceiving, for with it all he carried the vigor, buoyancy and outlook upon life of the intervening years that he recalled of his youthful and his memory keen, he did not live in the past, but lived definitely in the present and planned as shrewdly for the future as any of his younger business associates. We have lost a good citizen, a good friend and neighbor.

A hundred young people were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Selah Selah Chausserlain and Mrs. Samuel Pond at the Chamberlain home on Tuesday night. The party was given for Miss Barbara Pond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pond, and of Miss Peggy Martin of San Rafael. Miss Pond is home for the Christmas vacation from Miss Spence's school in New York and will return there on Saturday. Miss Martin recently returned from Europe.

Mrs. Herbert Gallagher gave a Christmas party to about twenty-five children on Saturday last. The local church gave its Christmas entertainment of which the beautifully decorated and lighted tree was a part. On Monday evening, two playlets were given by members of the choir under the direction of Miss Louise Mahon appeared for the first time in the vestments and sang carols. Mr. St. John told one of his interesting stories, and the entertainment was voted a great success. If these affairs were to be given frequently it would be necessary to enlarge the church.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Audifred will attend the New Year's Eve party to be given by the California Commandery at San Francisco.

Invention of Bronze

Bronze, the only metal known to our ancestors of 8,000 years ago, was invented independently in both the Near East and by the Peruvian Indians.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

December 24
Charles J. Talsma, 25, White; Blanche Pauline Curstan, 27, Whites. Louis Hertfield, 25, S. F.; Gladys Ragsdale, 24, S. F.
James W. Bartholomew, 31, S. L.; Erma Hawley, 31, Coalinga.
Carl M. Blair, 30, Seattle; Bina Marie Smith, 27, San Mateo.
Lester Moser, 29, S. F.; Irene Le Doux, 22, S. F.
William A. Willis, 40, San Bruno; Marie Lee Sweeney, 28, San Bruno.
Albert Elsie Schilling, 21, Burlingame; May Elsie Lynch, 18, San Mateo.

December 26
Robert Edwin McCracken, 39, Ripon; Inez Fern Starnner, 38, San Jose.
Daniel A. Murphy, 27, S. F.; Helen A. Phillips, 24, S. F.
Joseph J. McNicholas, 29, S. F.; Gertrude Page, 25, Kansas City, Kan.
Robert Earl Porter, 34, S. F.; Mildred Johnson, 33, S. F.
John Henry Brunenig, 60, S. F.; Paula Marie Ohnoff, 44, S. F.

December 28
August Tieselsnick, 21, S. F.; Alice E. Wright, 18, Redwood City.
Chrysanthus E. Phelan, 29, Fresno; Fenevieve M. Weisgar, 23, Burlingame.
John Lawson, 25, Los Altos; Hedwig Josephine Luehning, 27, Chico.

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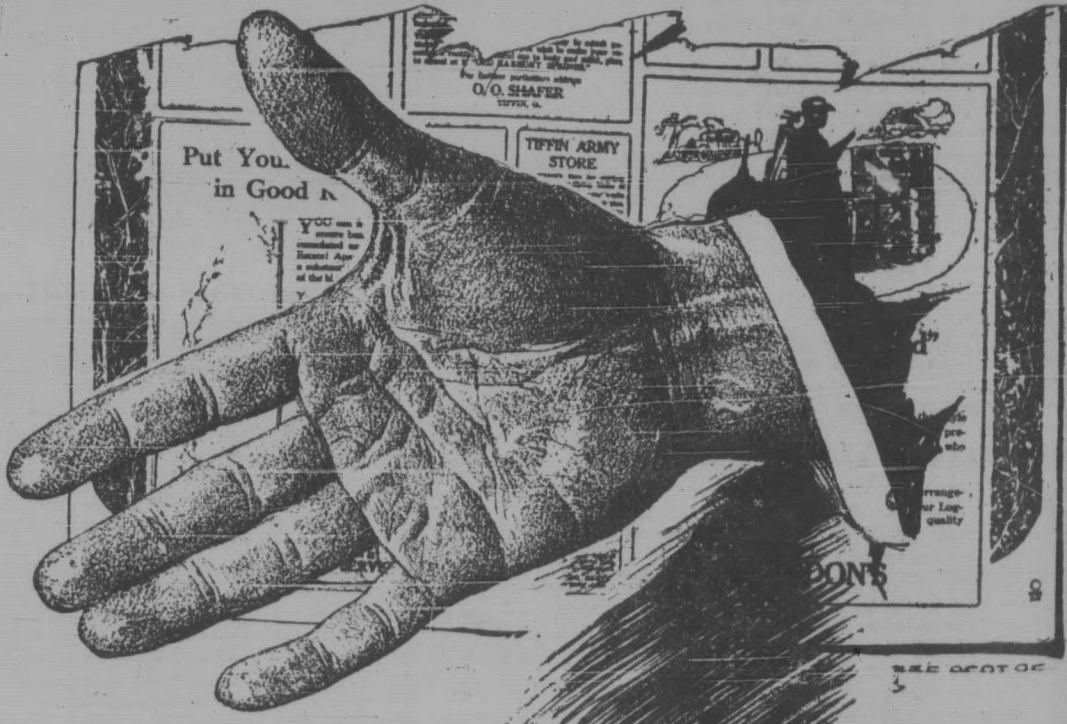
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